

## DELAWARE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

### Meeting Notes

July 12, 2013

Kent – Department of Transportation  
Farmington/Felton Room

Members in Attendance: Dan Rich, Heidi Beck, Leslie Newman, Paula Holloway, Karen DeRasmo, Dan Curry, Ed Freel, Jocelyn Stewart, John Fisher-Klein, Melia Anderson, Mary Moore, Carmen Gallagher

Others in Attendance: Janet Cornwell, Anna Maloney, Carol Ann Schumann, Kelly Sherretz, Monica Burnett, Janet Carter, Penny Deiner, Verna Thompson, Lisa Crim, Marlene Waples, James Kane, Syreeta Clark, Kim Pridemore, Sherlynn Aurelio, Paulina Gyan, Jim Coyne, Betty Gail Timm, Ann-Janine Ward, Nancy Widdoes, Janet Umble, Cora Fuzy

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes  
Minutes from May 10, 2013 meeting were approved.
3. The August Meeting is canceled
4. **Jocelyn Stewart** spoke about the Sub-Committee Task Force. She stated that they were moving forward with the strategic plan toward the 4 goals. They realigned the committees to be more effective.
  - A Healthy Start, Mary Kate Mouser – Chair
  - High-Quality Early Childhood Programs and Professionals, Michelle Taylor - Chair
  - An Aligned and Effective Early Learning System, Birth – Third Grade, Dan Curry – Chair
  - Sustained System Improvement, Ed Freel – Chair

These committees will be in effect for three years, with a yearly report to be submitted. A review will be conducted in three years on the committees.
5. **Kelly Sherretz** spoke briefly about two policy briefs that were distributed to everyone. Home Visiting Delaware and Kindergarten Readiness: An Overview of Components. Both of these documents are available on the Council website.
6. **Carmen Gallagher** introduced and handed out the Infant/Toddler Family Activity Book. She only has about 800 right now and is going forward to have more printed for distribution. These will hopefully be sent out to everyone as soon as they arrive. There are plans to get them to the home visitors and talks about getting them out to libraries. Ed Freel has a contact with Division of Libraries that may help.
7. **Nancy Widdoes** showed everyone the new website for Delaware Stars, Great Starts DE is the website.  
<http://www.greatstartsdelaware.com/index.html>
5. Next Meeting  
September 13, NCC – DDDS Training Site @ Fox Run – 2540 Wrangle Hill Rd, Bear